



# 7 LA Newsletter

Fall/Winter 2025

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Fall Everyone,

Suddenly it's dark before 7 and the leaves are changing colors and falling to the ground, and another summer at the lake has passed with the changing of the seasons.

I'm pleased to report that the board has been busy since our well attended Lake Association meeting and social in late July. We welcomed two new members, Tania Kilpatrick in the role of Secretary and Mike Grigg as a Board Member. I'm excited to be able to have their fresh perspectives and collaborate with them on Lake projects.

One project I'm thrilled to unveil is an updated and current Lake directory of owners and occupants of properties around the lake. Over the years Tim McFadden and Sara Werzel have worked diligently to keep information current as properties changed hands etc.

It is a mountain of information that has been gathered over the course of years that will better assist the Association in conducting business and aid property owners in staying connected with neighbors.

My deep appreciation to those who played any role in the completion of this task over the years as it is critical to operations, but certainly not a simple undertaking.

Reach out as usual if anything lake related is on your mind and I will see you on the water,

Forrest

## YEAR-ROUND QUIET HOURS

Please observe quiet hours on the lake from 7:00 P.M. until 10:00 A.M. This has traditionally been an agreed upon time frame to accommodate both those that wish to fish/enjoy nature and those that wish to ski/tube.

Thank you!





## 2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



### May 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday

Road Clean-up (Corner of B and Paulson Junction 9:00 a.m.) ..... 9:00 a.m.

Board Meeting (TBD) ..... 11:00 a.m.

### July 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday

Boat Parade @ Guerink's Cottage ..... 4:00 p.m.

### July 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday

Annual Meeting—McFadden's (W768 Nubie RD) ..... 10:00 a.m.

Annual Picnic—McFadden's (W768 Nubie RD). ..... 11:30 a.m.

### *7 Island Lake Association Board*

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**Free Copies of the Tomahawk Leader and the Merrill Foto News are available on the porch of the Harrison Town Hall.**

### **Wisconsin Public Services—Underground Utilities**

I have been in contact with the engineering department of WPS. They have indicated that there is a possibility in 2026 to revisit the placement of utilities underground. My personal suggestion is when you get a call from WPS letting you know that the power has been restored after an outage is to request a call back from WPS. Indicate your frustration with the fact that the utilities have not been buried. Remember a squeaky wheel gets the grease.





Mary Ellen Holz, 98, died peacefully at her home in Green Bay, Wis. on October 11, 2025, with her loving family by her side.

Mary Ellen was born March 17, 1927 in Green Bay, Wis., to the late James and Arleen Early. She graduated from Green Bay East High School, and went on to pursue her RN degree from St. Mary's School of Nursing in Green Bay.

She married Ward Earl Holz at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Green Bay on August 26, 1950 and together they built an amazing life. The pair enjoyed 64 years of dedication in marriage before Ward passed away in 2014, and had nine children together.

She built a long and distinguished career in nursing, working in Madison and Green Bay before retiring in 1986 as the Director of Nursing for Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Wausau Wi. Her leadership and compassion shaped the care of countless patients and inspired the many nurses who worked under her guidance.

Even more remarkably, she accomplished all of this while raising nine children, a feat that speaks to her resilience, discipline, and deep love for all of those she cared for. Mary Ellen balanced the demands of a large family and a high-pressure career with grace, and was a true inspiration to everyone who was lucky enough to know her. She was a woman with strong values and instilled in her children and grandchildren the importance of family, love, commitment and unwavering faith.

Together with her husband Ward, Mary Ellen loved spending time at her cottage with her family. For more than 50 wonderful years, her favorite months were summers at their cottage in Lincoln County on Seven Island Lake. It was here that she taught her daughters and grandchildren how to play her beloved card game Canasta, a hobby that became a tradition while enjoying long days up north. Her children and grandchildren will forever have memories of days spent swimming in the lake, Saturday steak night, water skiing until the sun hit the horizon and dancing to old big band tunes at night.

Mary Ellen is survived by her nine children and their spouses, 17 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Her children include: Debra (Dennis) Hibray, DePere; Sue (Mark) Pohlkamp, Lake Dubay; Karen (Stuart) Bender, Hamburg; Steven Holz, Fort Atkinson; Christine (Larry) Jacques, Luxemburg; Theresa (Marvin) Gideon, Knoxville, Tenn.; Kathleen (Gordon) Karnopp, Green Bay; David Holz, Green Bay; Gretchen (Todd) Bedore, Suamico.

Mary Ellen is survived by one sister, Julie Boyden, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews. She is further survived by her grandchildren; Laurie (Adam) Clayton, Bradley (Margaret) Hibray, Erin (Cory Giacometto) Pohlkamp, Kyle (Chloe Ciarrocchi) Pohlkamp, Joseph (Kenna) Holz, Daniel (Stacy) Holz, Benjamin (Amanda) Holz, Nicholas Jacques, Phillip (Beth) Jacques, Timothy (fiancé, Elizabeth) Jacques, Katie (Chris) McDonald, Kelsey (Philip) Baeten, Jennifer (Nicholas) Dopkins, Ashley Holz, Jason (fiancé, Isabella) Holz, Jessica (Andrew) Van Gorden and Cassandra (Dustin) DeGreef.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ward Holz, who in heaven welcomed her with open arms after 11 long years apart. She is further preceded by her sisters, Patricia Lemke (spouse Warren) and Suzanne McKee (spouse Partrick)

The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m, October 17, 2025 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Green Bay. Friends may call on Friday October 17th from 10:00 a.m. until 10:45am all at the church. Cotter Funeral Home in De Pere is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.cotterfuneralhome.com](http://www.cotterfuneralhome.com).

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established with Moments Hospice Foundation. Please consider donating to this wonderful organization that helped the family more than words can express in Mary Ellen's final days.

Thank you to the staff at Brookview Meadows for providing Mary Ellen a community and place to call home for the last five years. Mary Ellen's children would like to send a special thanks to Becky, Alyssa and all other staff members at Moments Hospice for their loving care of their mom.

## Upcoming Reassessment

Tim McFadden attended a town meeting where reassessment was discussed. He contacted Brian, Hanson, town chair. Below is his response. Tim believes the reassessment will be a scheduled walk-through.

"The field work will be completed in 2026 and changes will be seen on the tax bills payed in 2027 for the year 2026. I will try and get more details. It is important for people to realize that their assessments will go up significantly unless they are new or have made recent improvements. The goal is to make things fair across the board so that everyone pays their fair share. It should also be noted that just because your assessment goes up, that doesn't mean your taxes will automatically go up. Since all the property tax recipients (County, School, Town, Tech School) are levy based, the overall pot usually stays close to the same unless a referendum has been passed.

We held off on reassessment as long as we could, but due to State regulations, we are at a point where we need to do something, or the State will step in and do it for us. We don't want the State to do it for us..."...Brian Hanson, Town Chair

Brian further communicated that the town is working on a contract with Lincoln County to enforce the town's wake boat ordinance.



The Harrison  
Community  
Events Group  
is hosting a

## "Pie & Ice Cream Social"

Sunday, October 26, 2025  
1-3:00 p.m.  
at the Harrison Town Hall

Come and enjoy some  
homemade pie  
and visiting with  
friends and neighbors.



## **MINUTES OF SEVEN ISLAND LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING**

### **7/26/25**

34 Members in attendance

- Called to order at 10:05 AM by Forrest Miller, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Board members were introduced, board activities were described, including participants in milfoil mitigation efforts.
- Gene Heise moves to bypass reading of last year's meeting minutes. Randy Gilray seconds the motion. Passes by voice vote.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Tim McFadden asks all to update their email addresses to facilitate distribution of the biannual newsletters.
- Sara Werzel, Treasurer, read the Treasurer's report. Camille Miller moves to accept the report. Spencer Miller seconds the motion. Passes by voice vote. Sara Werzel notes the association has historically donated to Town of Russel First Responders and Loon Rescue. Todd Davis moves we donate in amounts the same as the past. Cathy Mingo seconds the motion. Passes by voice vote.
- Forest Miller reminds property owners that First Responders request roads be cleared of overhanging brush to the height of 13' to allow access to emergency vehicles. Gene Heise reminds attendees that Chris Cook has an AED on their property. A first aid class may also be conducted.
- Kathleen and Tim McFadden resent the milfoil report. The bay that is currently marked by b buoy is mor full of milfoil than ever. Milfoil is also spotted by the 7 island and public landing. Commercial effort to pull and vacuum milfoil last year was unsuccessful. WI DNR requires a lake to be inundated to 20% before issuing a permit for chemical treatment, so until our lake reaches that point Kathleen and her volunteer helpers will continue to pull milfoil by hand. Kathleen solicits additional help from anyone willing to volunteer and reminds all to let her know when they spot any milfoil growing.
- Tim McFadden reminds all that wake boat usage is outlawed by the Town of Harrison. The boats can only be used without creating wake. If wake boats are spotted, take a picture, including boat registration if possible, and Tim will pass it along to town chairman for consequences.
- Update to high speed internet should be complete by the end of 2026. Underground power lines are being installed on White Pine Trial now, and could expand to other roads in the future.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Town of Harrison could chip seal Nubie Road if there's enough interest. Tim McFadden Provides a petition for signatures.
- Sara Werzel reminds the assembly that association dues only need to be paid annually.
- The Grigg family received recognition and thanks for clearing storm damage from the swimming island.
- Kurt Luedtke declines chairmanship of Seven Island Drive Road Club. He will

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train any replacement and help with road duties. Tim Haskins asks about assistance in plowing during the winter.

- Recognition and thanks go to the Schwaab family for the great fireworks display on July 4. Jim Schwaab reminds all that 2026 is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of independence and welcomes any fireworks donations.
- Forest Miller reminds the assembly that Native American fish spearing on Seven Island Lake is fairly limited and is well within treaty rights
- Camille Miller wins the 50/50 raffle and donates the winnings to the Lake Association.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Officers: Forrest Miller was re-elected as President, Perry Holleran was re-elected as Vice President. Sara Werzel declines future participation as Secretary, but is re-elected as Treasurer. Nominations open for Secretary. Tania Kilpatrick volunteers to serve as Secretary. All passed by voice vote.
- Directors: John Laskowski steps down as director. Nominations open for his replacement. Andy Ullrich nominates Mike Grigg to fill the empty position. Todd Davis seconds the motion. Passed by voice vote. Incumbent directors are Kurt Luedtke, Tim McFadden, Randy Gilray, Aaron Lippert. Meeting was adjourned at 11:38 AM by Forrest Miller.

### Seven Island Lake Association 2025 Treasurer's Report-07/26/25

Reporting Period: 07/26/24 - 07/23/25

Initial Cash Balance: \$17,530.74

#### Revenue

Dues: \$775.00

Donations: \$180.00

Total Revenue: \$955.00

#### Expenses

Aquatic Plant Management: \$2,794.50

PayPal Fees: \$5.44

2024 Kid's Fishing Contest+Picnic: \$293.28

Raptor Education Group: \$100.00

Loon Rescue, Inc.: \$100.00

Town of Russell First Responders: \$200.00

WI Dept. of Financial Institutions: \$25.00

Wisconsin Lakes: \$100.00

Total Expenses: \$3,618.22

Final Cash Balance: \$14,867.52



## Milfoil Report

*Submitted by Kathleen McFadden*

This summer my first dive wasn't until June 22<sup>nd</sup> due to cold weather. The bay where I have been battling Milfoil was completely overtaken with Milfoil despite the pulling and suctioning by the contractor at the end of last summer. The plants had already reached the surface and were continuing to grow. With the help of my husband, Aaron & Julie Lippert and Lori Shmitz I was able to tear and bag the plants in half so that boats going in and out of the bay would not get the Milfoil caught on the boats propellers. As one person there was no way I would be able to pull the plants at their roots in time. The Milfoil in the bay was so dense that I continuously got caught and wrapped up in it. It blocked all sunlight. We all worked on the bay for about 2-3 weeks. I then received an e-mail that there was a lot of milfoil in front of the big seven island. When Tim and I got over there we found the Milfoil already to the top of the surface. I tore all the plants in half and bagged the Milfoil in hopes to keep the boats from tearing them up. Milfoil was also found in front of the Gilray, Heise shorelines. Just a week ago Joe Soley reported that Milfoil was also in the bay starting at Cooks and going around to Finucans. It has been a hard and busy summer to say the least.

The DNR will not authorize chemical treatment of the bay. If you disagree with the DNR please contact Tim at 715-482-0895.

Below is a map of the lake and the areas that have been confirmed to have Milfoil.



### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

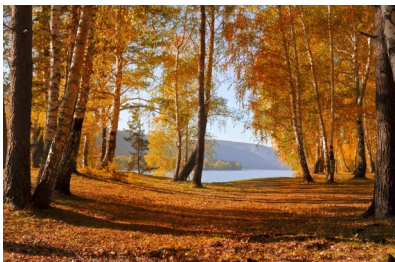
Mailing City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_



**1 Year Membership is \$25.00**

Please make checks payable to  
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**Happy**   
 **Fall y'all**